

Two Successful Electronic Recycling Collection Events

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Close to 50 (yes, 50) tons of personal computers, printers, televisions, VCR's, phones and related electronic wastes (E-Wastes) were collected in a 10-day period in November. The city of Emporia and Seward County (Liberal) carried out these two free electronic recycling collection pilot programs to celebrate **America Recycles Day** (Nov. 15) develop awareness, and an understanding about how to create a statewide E-Waste collection program.

Keith Senn and Tim Delcamp launched Emporia's collection event with their annual **America Recycles Day** festivities on Saturday, Nov. 13. Numerous people showed up and they filled an entire semi truck on the first day. Emporia ended up with gross weights of 41.07 tons (82,140 pounds) enough to fill seven 28-foot trailers.

Mike Tabor and Norvan Correll of the Seward County Landfill had a 10-day collection event. Despite very rainy weather, they got 1,121 pieces of electronic waste including numerous computers, monitors, TVs and a few satellite receivers, adding machines and the most unique item of the two collection events, two old ATMs.

All of the E-Wastes were shipped to a 15-year-old electronic waste recycler in Pennsylvania called **Envirocycle**. The company started the first nationwide television and residential computer recycling programs and recycles/reuses more than 95 percent of the E-Wastes they receive. Once they process all the materials KDHE will be able to make some assessments and recommendations for the future of E-Waste Recycling in Kansas.

KDHE sponsored these events by purchasing promotion, transportation and the recycling of the E-Wastes. Nye and Associates of Wichita developed the new campaign logos and materials, and handled the television, radio and newspaper buys. The city of Emporia and Seward County Landfill donated their facilities and provided the hard work to collect, sort and pack all of the TVs, monitors and PCs. KDHE wishes to acknowledge the fantastic efforts of these local heroes. The \$1 solid waste tonnage fee assessed on all municipal solid waste disposed and transferred in Kansas funded these events.

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your space!
Recycle e-waste.

